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In re. Patent Application of Cassels, et al.

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Title: MASS SPECTROMETRY OF COLONIZATION FACTORS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

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Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action mailed October 29, 2003. Attached hereto is a Request for Extension of Time for one month.

Applicant hereby elects the invention identified by the examiner as I, claims 1, 2, and 4-8 with traverse, since it is believed the examination of the claims relating to a composition used in the process would not place an undue burden on the examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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